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Re: FCC Waiver for E-Rate contract

FCC Form 471 #191028432 for FY 2019

This is the first year the Saugerties Public Library has applied for E-Rate. Before the filing window we researched upgrading our broadband service to fiber. At that time, there were no service providers who could bring fiber to our location. So we filed an application for subsidizing our existing cable internet service during the filing window. After the filing window closed, our Internet Service Provider was able to give us a proposal for bringing fiber to our location. Thus just days after the filing window had closed, we filed a new Form 470 in order to take advantage of this much-needed upgrade to our service. We have many residents of our community who rely on the library for internet service, and having stable, reliable, and fast internet service is essential for our population.

We humbly request that the FCC grant us a waiver for filing our Form 471 out of window. We have signed a contract for installation of fiber service which we will only be able to afford with the E-Rate subsidy.

Thank you for your consideration,

Katie Scott-Childress
Library Director

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